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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR UNESCO EXBD SPECIAL COMMITTEE
(APRIL 18-22) AND 102ND EXECUTIVE BOARD
SESSION (APRIL 25-MAY 13, 1977): PRELIMINARY
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO ASSIST
DEPARTMENT IN DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGN
ADVISERS FOR SUBJECT MEETINGS. ONLY ITEMS THAT LIKELY
CONFRONT USG AND ADVANCE PREPARATIONS THAT WILL BE
REQUIRED ARE HIGHLIGHTED. REFERENCES ARE MADE TO
AGENDA ITEMS AS THEY APPEAR ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA
(DOC. 102EX.1), AIRPOUCHED TO IO/UNESCO MARCH 15, ALONG
WITH A PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE. NO WORKING DOCUMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE AS OF THIS DATE. FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF DOCU-
MENTS (20 OUT OF EXPECTED TOTAL OF 37) WILL BE OUT ON
MARCH 23, AND THE REMINDER BETWEEN APRIL 4 TO 15, 1977.
END OF SUMMARY.

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1. ITEM 1 - ADOPTION OF EXBD AGENDA. COMMENT: IT
IS ANTICIPATED THAT ITEM 5.4.3 (INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN
FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE ACROPOLIS) WILL BE DEFERRED
TO THE 103RD EXBD BECAUSE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS
EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS RE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH
CAN NOT BE WORKED OUT IN TIME.

2. ITEM 3.1 - COMPOSITION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES. NOTE: THIS ITEM, AS WELL AS OTHERS UNDER GENERAL ITEM 3: "METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION," WILL BE FIRST DISCUSSED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APRIL 18-22.

COMMENT: IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DG'S REPORT WILL RECOMMEND PARTIAL SOLUTION, I.E. TO EXTEND TERM OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS (E.G. MAB, IHP, IBE, ETC.) TO FOUR YEARS; ONE HALF OF THEM WILL BE ELECTED AT NEXT (20TH) GENERAL CONFERENCE. WHILE WE SEE NO BASIC PROBLEM WITH SUCH A RECOMMENDATION (INTENDED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ROTATION AND CONTINUITY) WE MIGHT ALSO SUGGEST THAT TO INSURE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THESE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL, MOSTLY SCIENTIFIC BODIES, THEIR BUREAUS SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE FIRST; THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD THEN FORM THE BASIS FOR EXBD DELIBERATIONS AND REPORT TO THE 20TH GENCONF IN 1978 (SEE 19 (SEE 19 C/RES.39.1). FURTHERMORE, THE ABOVE MENTIONED DG'S PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH COMMITTEE AS NUBIA THE DURATION OF LIFE OF WHICH IS LIMITED BY PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS. ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERS FOR LONGER THAN TWO-YEAR DURATION COULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, BE CONSIDERED JUSTIFIED AT PRESENT.

WE SUGGEST THAT SUBJECT MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES (ON MAB, IHP, ETC.) AS WELL AS WITH NSF AND NAS TO ARRIVE AT COORDINATED U.S. POSITION ON THIS IMPORTANT ITEM.

3. ITEM 3.2.1 - NEW STATUTES OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

COMMENT: AS DEPT. AWARE, THE NEW JIU STATUTES WAS APPROVED BY THE UNGA AND NOW HAS TO BE RATIFIED BY EACH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED. THE BOARD WILL STUDY THE NEW STATUTES AND DISCUSS MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT UNESCO WILL BENEFIT FROM ITS OPERATION. SINCE THIS ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF OTHER UN AGENCIES, WE SHOULD HAVE A COORDINATED US POSITION. DEPT'S VIEWS, INCLUDING TALKING POINTS, REQUESTED. IN ADDITION TO JIU STATUTES, THERE ARE THREE OTHER ITEMS DEALING WITH JIU REPORTS, INCLUDING ONE ON "COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL"

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(JIU/REP/76/10). IN VIEW OF THIS IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO
ASSIGN AID OFFICER (PIERRE SALES) TO PARTICIPATE DURING
SPECIAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS (APRIL
18-22). PLEASE ADVISE.

4. ITEM 3.4 - REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
INSPECTORATE-GENERAL.

AS DEPT. AWARE, THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL WAS
ESTABLISHED IN UNESCO SECRETARIAT SOME TWENTY MONTHS
AGO. SINCE THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST REPORT THERE IS
GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THIS ITEM. ACCORDING TO
SECRETARIAT SOURCES, THE DRAFT REPORT SUBMITTED TO DG
FOR APPROVAL CONTAINS DISCLOSURES OF SOME SHORT-
COMINGS OF ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL
NATURE DISCOVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. WHETHER OR
NOT THAT ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT ("SAMISDAT COPY"
OF WHICH WE WERE PROMISED TO RECEIVE) WILL SEE THE DAY-
LIGHT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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5. ITEM 4.1 - STRUCTURE OF FUTURE C/5 (PROGRAM AND BUDGET) DOCUMENT.

THIS UNDOUBTEDLY IS THE MAJOR PROGRAM ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD WHICH, INTER ALIA, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE 19TH GENCONF (RES. 35.1) ". . . TO FORMULATE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN PREPARING DOCUMENT 20 C/5." SINCE UNESCO HAS NOW ADOPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF PROGRAMMING BY OBJECTIVES -- WHICH NECESSARILY RAISES QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STRUCTURE OF MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (C/4) AND THAT OF THE BIENNIAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET (C/5) -- THE QUESTION BEFORE THE BOARD IS WHETHER THE 20 C/5 DOCUMENT SHOULD BE STRUCTURED BY OBJECTIVES AS WELL? IF ANSWER IS "YES", THE NEXT QUESTION IS: SHOULD THE SECRETARIAT BE RESTRUCTURED ACCORDINGLY? THESE ARE QUESTIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL AND FAR-REACHING IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO UNESCO BUT TO OTHER UN AGENCIES AS WELL. DEPT'S VIEWS AND SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

6. ITEM 5.3.1 - INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO PREPARE A DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (PARIS 2507), THIS MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN LUSAKA EARLY NEXT DECEMBER. ALL UNESCO MEMBER STATES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE DECISION AT THIS BOARD WILL BE CONCERNING INVITATION OF THE NGO'S. WE WILL ASK FOR DEPT'S GUIDANCE ONCE BACKGROUND DOCUMENT LISTING NGO'S BECOMES AVAILABLE.

7. ITEM 5.5.1 - DRAFT STATUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE GENERAL INFORMATION PROGRAM.

IN PARIS' 6468 WE REPORTED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CONSOLIDATED PROGRAM AND ITS TRANSFER TO THE DG'S FRONT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICE. WE ASSUME THAT NSF (BURCHINALL), NAS (MCKEE), AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES WILL STUDY THE DRAFT STATUTES AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE.

8. 5.6.2 - STUDY OF PROCEDURES CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ITEM ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION IN

PLENARY ON APRIL 26 AND 27. SECRETARIAT (DR. VASAK)
HAS SPENT GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN PREPARING BACKGROUND
DOCUMENT (ADVANCE COPY OF WHICH WE'LL RECEIVE MARCH 21).
OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING
HISTORICAL INFORMATION, THE DOCUMENT WILL REVIEW
EXISTING PRACTICES ON SUBJECT MATTER WITHIN THE UN
SYSTEM AND WILL SUGGEST SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR BOARD'S
CONSIDERATION. UPON RECEIPT OF PROMISED COPY WE WILL
FORWARD IT TO DEPT WITH OUR OWN ANALYSIS THEREON.

IN ANY EVENT, WE ANTICIPATE LIVELY DEBATE ON SUBJECT
MATTER AT THE BOARD AND WE NEED TO BE FULLY PREPARED TO
PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DISCUSSIONS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND

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RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION (CRE), WHOSE PROCEDURES
ARE SUBJECT OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, WILL MEET SOMETIME
DURING THE SESSION OF THIS EXBD TO ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN.
PROF. CARNEIRO (BRAZIL) WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF CRE DURING
1975-1976 AND DID OUTSTANDING AND EVEN-HANDED JOB, HAS
RESIGNED. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AFTER 19TH GEN
CONF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS COMMITTEE WAS EXPANDED FROM
14 TO 16 MEMBERS AND IT NOW INCLUDES FOLLOWING

COUNTRIES: NORWAY, FRANCE, ITALY, BELGIUM, USSR, RUMANIA, CUBA, MEXICO, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, NEPAL, JAPAN, NIGERIA, MAURITIUS, MAURITANIA, AND SIERRA LEONE. AS OF NOW, THE LEADING CONTENDER FOR CHAIRMANSHIP IS MR. GARBO (NORWAY). OTHER CANDIDATES RUMORED FOR THIS JOB ARE UPRAITY (NEPAL) AND VAN USSEL (BELGIUM). OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IS THAT GARBO WILL BE ELECTED AND THAT HE WILL DO GOOD JOB.

9. ITEM 6.1 - RECENT DECISIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM OF RELEVANCE TO UNESCO.

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WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER THIS ITEM THE DG WILL FOCUS ON STATUS OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. IN VIEW OF RAMIFICATION THIS SUBJECT MATTER HAS FOR THE UN SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE, INCLUDING TALKING POINTS, URGENTLY REQUESTED.

10. ITEM 6.2 - CLASSIFICATION OF NGO'S.

IN ADDITION TO ARRIVING AT DECISIONS ON PENDING APPLICATIONS FROM NGO'S FOR RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNESCO (DOCUMENT NOT YET AVAILABLE), THE NGO COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MAY 3 TO ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN. BEST TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR THIS POST IS AMB. BUSTAMANTE OF PANAMA WHOM WE INTEND TO SUPPORT UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.

11. ITEM 6.3 - RELATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION.

THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN ITEM OF NO IMPORTANCE, EXCEPT THAT IT MAY RAISE THE USUAL QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP IN IIR. WE WILL ASK FOR DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ONCE DOCUMENT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

12. ITEM 7.1.5 - GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DG WILL RECOMMEND PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION (STEP BY STEP) OF 19 GENCONF RES/26.1 WHICH HAS RAISED THE LOWEST QUOTA FROM 2-3 TO 3-5 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE SECRETARIAT STAFF. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DG'S MEASURE FOR THE US ONCE THE DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE ASKING FOR DEPT'S GUIDANCE.

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